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### **JAEGER APPROVES LOTTERY INITIATIVE FOR CIRCULATION**

**Bismarck, ND** – Late yesterday, Secretary of State Al Jaeger approved for circulation the constitutional initiative petition relating to authorizing the state to join a multi-state lottery.

Since the constitutional initiative petition was submitted to the Secretary of State's office on July 11, the agency has reviewed the petition, made minor formatting changes, and developed a short and concise summary of the measure that is required to be included as the petition's ballot title. The ballot title, also approved by Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, states the following:

This initiated measure would amend Article XI, Section 25 of the North Dakota Constitution by directing the legislative assembly to authorize the state to join a multi-state lottery for the benefit of the state.

Jaeger indicated in a letter to the sponsoring committee's chairman, Andrew Maragos, that in order to place the initiated measure on the ballot, petitions circulators must collect 25,688 signatures of qualified North Dakota voters. The sponsoring committee has a year to circulate petitions.

If the measure is to appear on the November 5, 2002 General Election Ballot, the sponsoring committee must submit signatures to the Secretary of State's office by August 7, 2002. If the sponsoring committee submits its signatures after the deadline for the 2002 General Election and before the sponsoring committee's one-year circulation deadline of July 18, 2003, the initiated measure may appear on the 2004 Primary or General Election ballot.

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